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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Al Shloscha D'Varim

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Deb Craft, solo

Greeting

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Call To Worship

We step into this new day listening to God's great story.

We make ready for God's freedom.

We step into new purposes for the church with the light of God before us.

We make ready for God's freedom.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #52 When Israel was in Egypt's Land**

**1. When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go!**

Refrain:

**Go down, Moses,
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh:
let my people go!**

**2. "Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,
"Let my people go!
If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead.
Let my people go!"**

(Refrain)

**3. "No more shall they in bondage toil:
let my people go!
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil:
let my people go!"**

(Refrain)

**4. O let us all from bondage flee;
let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free:
let my people go!**

(Refrain)

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Great Restorer of Life, we are disappointed when we try to understand who we are by the things we accomplish, or the things we own, or the labels others give us. So we return to you and ask you to give us a sense of what you have created us to be. Help us find a common identity in the stories of your mighty works so that we can remind one another of who we are in your name. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
 (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Response: Hymn #547 Go, My Children, With My Blessing v. 2**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**Prayer for Illumination****First reading: Matthew 18:15-20**

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Children's Chat

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

Second reading: Exodus 12:1-14

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Sermon*Remember, Renew and Liberate*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #305 Come Sing, O Church In Joy!

1. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

3. Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (Refrain)

Refrain:
In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

4. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (Refrain)

2. Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (Refrain)

*Affirmation of Faith -Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Musical Offering

The Gift of Love
Deb Craft, solo

by Hal H. Hopson

***Praise God (Hymn #608)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

***Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

***Hymn #233 The Day of Resurrection**

**1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**2. Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,**

**and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**3. Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Hymn #305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" v. 2

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Postlude